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## Huns Make Powerful Onslaught on Enemy Left Flank on the Aisne

### YANKEES IN A BRILLIANT RAID

#### **Enemy Within** Two Miles of Marne River

Keeping the tide of their advance in the center flowing strongly, although seemingly less swiftly toward the Marne, the Germans simultaneously have executed a stroke on the Allied left flank that has extended the battle line westward and virtually linked up the present battlefront with that of

The attack was delivered along the Ailette river, northwest of Soissons. Sweeping forward in the salient that projected between the Somme and the Aisne battle fields, the Germans drove the Allied line back so that it now runs northwestward from the vicinity of Soissons, through Epagny and Blerancourt to the Oise river apparently at its point of junction with the Oise canal, about eight miles east of Noyon.

The Noyon area was included within the field of the German offensive in March when the French established new lines along the Oise and the Oise canal to the east and southwest of that town after being driven back below St. Quentin. The German drive down the Oise valley toward Paris was then Gibraltar while the sea lane through FRANCE, May 31.—(By the Associatchecked. The present offensive movement here suggests the which she sailed was cleared of the possibility of its resumption.

The advance in the center has now brought the Germans ficial announcement that one of Gerwithin two miles of the Marne at one point, Paris dispatches stroyed report. The wedge here appears increasingly narrow, how- quently stated that the admiralty had ever, and its flanks below Soissons and Rheims the enemy is long overdue. reported firmly held.

of Blerancourt (nine miles southeast of

northwest of Soissons). The French

are holding their positions along the

Thierry as well as in the western out

Germans Push Forward.

LONG RANGE GUNS.

range bombardment of Paris was re

FIGHTING IN FLANDERS.

ed Press.)-Infantry fighting along the

British front in Flanders this morning still was confined to raids and outpost

PARIS, May 31 .- "We return with

German artillery in the Villers-Bre-

EMPEROR CONFERS STAR.

Prince Frederick William the star of

grand commander of the royal house

of Hohenzollern with swords, a Ber-

There was intense activities

LONDON, May 31 .- Activity by the runs as follows:

Clemenceau to the front yesterday, battle front as marked out by a news-

tonneux sector east of Amiens and in describes a circle west of that city and

the Albert region to the north is re- re joins the river Crise south of Sois-

ported today by the war office. There sons. Then it goes to Gerzy, follows

said to Marcel Hutin, of the Echo de paper correspondent, the Havas agen-

road between

skirts of Soissons.

Epagny (seven

The French war office announces the breaking down of enemy attacks in the Soissons area and to the south.

Further east and also northwest and north of Rheims all the Germans' efforts were in vain. The French by a in the Soissons area and to the south, while on the allied right the line extending northeastward toward Rheims from the neighborhood of Vezelly appears virtually unchanged, the Germans failing in all their efforts to win

The energetic defense from the right ing is exemplified by the fighting at Thillois, three miles east of Rheims, where the Germans entered the town only to be driven out by a French counter-attack.

FALL OF RHEIMS INEVITABLE. By such resistance the safety of Rheims is momentarily safeguarded, but observers of the operations view its ultimate fall as apparently inevit-

The probability of German penetra. but neither Chateau Thierry nor Dortion right up to the banks of the Marne mans have yet fallen into their hands. in the center of the advance is likewise indicated in the news dispatches which Thierry, the population of which has adds that electric shocks of mention the near approach of the Germans to Chateau Thierry and Dormans, both of which towns are on the Marne river. The civilian population has left Chateau Thierry and some of is six miles south of Vezelly. the refugees from it have already towns are on the river Marne. passed through Paris on their way to the interior.

On the British front the Germans are active with their artillery east of Amiens and in the Albert region to the sumed early this morning. north as well as on portions of the Flanders' front, but no infantry move-

ments of note are reported. In the Toul sector on the French FRANCE, May 31 - (By the Associate front the Americans have carried out a successful raid.

LONDON, May 31.-The abandonment of Rheims seems inevitable. The among both services and a tremendous Germans are nearing the Marne and amount of bombing was being carried the Paris Chalons railway which is the out on either side of the battle lines. main communication between Paris

Although the pace of the German ad- the impression that as the day advancvance has slackened owing to the ar- ed the situation became more favorrival of the allied reserves, it is recog- able," Rene Renould, president of the niged that the allies have a difficult army committee of the chamber of about two miles north of the river task to prevent further development deputies who accompanied Premier Marne, according to an outline of the

of the menacing enemy success Correspondents say the retreat over the Aisne was a most difficult feat of Paris on his arrival in Paris. warfare both as regards calm general ship and the courage of the troops The ground was repeatedly defended to the last man. Officers were seen holding the bridges to the last moment and were then killed when they blew

PARIS, May 31.—The allied left flank on the Aisne front has been er-forced back by violent German attacks in the region of the Allette river, it is announced officially. Near Soissons and further south German attacks broke down, the French maintaining

their position. In the center the Germans made a

alight advance north of the Marne, lin dispatch today announces,

Two of Germany's Newest and Largest Submarines Destroyed.

Two of Germany's newest and largest submarines of the cruiser class were sunk May 17 and 18 near Gipma's according to passengers who arrived here today on an Italian steamship. The U-boats were sunk by allied do. stroyers and from one of them prisoners were taken, the passengers as

Recent cable reports carried the ofmany's new submarines had been de-German report reported that one of these boats was

counter-attack won back the town of Thillois, west of Rheims.
Withdrawing before the German onslaught in the region of the Allette the French fell back on positions north

> Nervous Patients Given Electric Shocks That Make Them Scream With Terror.

AMSTERDAM, May 31.-Drastic methods employed by the German mans have some plans in which they PARIS, May 31, 5:45 a. m.—The medical authorities in treating nervous may employ their infantry.

patients in military hospitals in Mu
The sun had hardly reached the horThe American have not budged at the lower five their infantry. Germans continued to push forward patients in military hospitals in Musouth of Fere-en-Tardenois, according nich resulted in revolts by the patients o the latest advices reaching Paris, in which wards were wrecked, according to the Koelnische Volks Zeitung. At Manheim the hospital was burned There is reason to hope that Chateau by the rebellious patients. The paper other as the Germans came into sight strength are employed that the patients screamed in terror.

Chateau Thierry is ten miles south Deputies have prepared a long serof Fere-en-Tardenois while Dormans ies of questions to ask in the reichstag Both concerning the reports of ill treatment

PORT HURON, Mich., May 31.—The PARIS. May 31 - The German long between this city and Sarnia, Ont., many miles behind the front was car crashed into the dock at Sarnia this were aboard the vessel, but all reached shore safely WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN

PARIS, May 31.-The extreme point

The fighting front, it is declared,

From Chavigny north of Soissons i

southward, leaving Mulchy le Chateau,

it passes Nantcuil-Notre Dame and

advances toward the Marne to Courcy,

anvirons of Rheims.

of the German advance is Le Charmel,

ed Press.)—American forces north-west of Toul carried out a successful raid against the German lines late last The American troops went over the top along a front of 500 yards. At the same time the American artillery

opened fire. The men advanced behind the barrage while the guns pounded the enemy lines and rear areas. Engineers blew up the enemy en-tanglements. The infantry swarmed through the defenses where there was

fighting in which the Germans sus

tained losses. Two prisoners were taken by the Americans. One of them attempted to escape on the way across No Man's Land and was killed by a Massachu setts corporal.

within the American lines.

ed Press.)-Four German counter-at tacks yesterday against the American troops at Cantigny west of Montdidler were repulsed after sharp fighting.

AMERICAN FIGHT LINE

WITH THE AMERICAN ASMY IN FRANCE, May 30, 9:30 a. m.-From daybreak until this hour there has been a continuous series of asrial bat ties on the front northwest of Toul One plane is reported to have fallen in No Man's Land. There are uncon-firmed reports that some German planes have been shot down, but at the moment of filing this dispatch nearly all the American aviators are either answering alarms or fighting, and accurate details are unavailable.

The German artillery threw hundreds of shells of all sizes and kept up a destructive and harrassing fire. enemy more than he sends.

It is not improbable that the Ger- en back in disorder.

izon on this cloudless, windless day when large numbers of enemy planes made their appearance. The American aviators took the air one after an-Within fifteen minutes four battles were fought over No Man's Land.

TEUTONS USE FLARES

TO LOCATE HOSPITALS WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE FRENCH FRONT, May 29. The German air attack on Tuesday ferry steamer James Beard, operated night on American hospitals in a town ried out with the utmost apparent demorning and sank in twenty feet of liberation. The German airmen used water. A large number of passengers umbrella flares aided them in picking down.

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have reached its maximum point of

Army Chiefs Confident

point take victorious advantage of the suc-Through Vezilly, Brouillet, Savigny cess they have so far gained, the Ger-and Thillois it runs northeastward to mans must succeed in bending these withheld until a favorable moment

confident, which it regards as a good situation.

EVE OF BATTLE OF THE

The newspapers do not attempt to this, up to this time, have been vain.

minimize the importance of the Ger- Another reason for the confident

man advance. Gabriel Hanotaux in the feeling is the arrival of allied re-

Figaro compares the strategic situation serves. Besides the mention in the of-

with that on the eve of the battle of ficial report of the beginning of inter-

the Marne. All the commentators, vention by the reserves, the Echo de however, express confidence that the high command will so dispose the al-

which L'Homme Libre considers to with artillery and auxiliary services.

two hinges and all their efforts to do shall arrive for a counter-attack.

STRATEGIC SITUATION COMPARED TO

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN

Germans Launch Counter-attacks But Americans Defeat Them.

HOLDING CANTIGNY

More German Airplanes + to unite Slavs of country in active + patriotic body was organized and + Ukranians in this country urged + Shot Down by Americans.

FRANCE, Thursday, May 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—German artillery in the course of the night severely hombarded the new positions of the Americans at Cantigny, west of Mont didier. They fired as many as 4000 high explosive shells in a brief space of time. Several attempts made by the Germans to come over were repulsed with heavy losses by the Americans.

the counter-attacks launched against the Americans in Cantigny the low for Rickhenbacher to attack. Germans tried to use tanks. The enemy infantry had no more than All night the American gains have shown itself than the American arbacher saw four German airplanes been just as busy and are giving the tillery opened a heavy fire. Both the coming toward him. He turned and foot soldiers and the tanks were driv-

The new American positions in Cantigny are being improved constantly. inch since they gained the town. Every time the enemy artillery starts a torn. bombardment the American gunners ward home when a third enemy ma hospital and at the same time one of retaliate and smother the opposition

German airmen, flying at a great height, penetrated many miles to the rear of the American lines today. They were driven off by anti-aircraft guns and were unable to drop any bombs.

GERMAN PLANES SHOT DOWN. not three, German machines were shot

Lieutenant Edward Rickenbacher, the former automobile racer, not only

Their entrance into action, the

newspaper reports, is being effected

WASHINGTON .- Food administration again warned the nation that rigid conservation of wheat must not be relaxed if necessary shipments are to be made to sol- diers abroad.
 WASHINGTON. — Director-General McAdoo issued a warn-ing to all railroad employes that
 a strike means a blow at their

He says the government cannot + be coerced or intimidated. WASHINGTON. — Co-opera-tion of the public in the fair en-forcement against disloyalty was urged by Attorney-General Greg-

own government in time of war +

+ and hampers transportation es-

+ sential to protect soldiers abroad. +

NIGHT'S NEWS SUMMARY.

AMERICAN PORT. + American labor mission returned + + from Europe with message that + + British people are determined to + continue the war and that there is genuine and loyal friendship for American people.
WILKESBARRE, Pa.-Secre-

tary Daniels, in an address, declared that troop movement will + + reach the two million mark in a + + few months and U-boats will be + hunted until they dare not ap- +

+ pear. + DETROIT.—Former President + + Roosevelt in Memorial day ad + + dress declared "America does not + + want to win this war on points; + we want a knockout."

CHICAGO. - Slavic delegation 4 + to take up arms against Germany + + as an example to their country- + men in the Ukraine. +

GENEVA, Switzerland-White- + + head Torpedo works at St. Pole- + ten at Austria destroyed by fire + + which Vienna newspapers say + + was result of sabotage by Italian +

he had fired a hundred rounds into caves by American nurses and mem-one of the biplanes it fell crashing to bers of the American Red Cross. the ground. The lieutenant turned and WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN attacked another which sought safety flying glass as most of the windows in FRANCE, Thursday, May 30.—In one in flight. Meanwhile, the remaining the hospital had been shattered by

> As he was returning to behind the saw Lieutenant Meishner, who was took hastily after him.

Rickenbacher Saves Meishner.

Rickenbacher made a long dive and drove off the German with his machine gun, undoubtedly saving Meishner. The combat took place in the vicinity of Thiaucourt. In another WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN fight two American pilots were forced FRANCE, Thursday, May 30.—There to withdraw because their guns bewas much aerial activity on the front came jammed just as they attacked. northwest of Toul today and two, if Another pilot encountered five hostile machines and had fired six bursts without apparent damage and the ene-

my machines retired. Later five Americans saw two ene my machines over Apremont. They attempted to get away, as the Americans came but two Americans got on the tail of one of the enemy machines. Hundreds of bullets were fired into the fuselage of the German airplane and it crashed into a wood. The other machine was closed down by an American and it was seen to overturn as it reached the ground. The results of several other combats have not been reported.

n No Man's Land after his machine had been damaged in a fight between five American machines and a German squadron. The American aviator was lied troops as to restore the situation serves are arriving on the battlefield last seen going into the enemy trenches under cover of German rifles. Ambulances Caught in Raid.

Three American ambulances aught in the raid. Sergeant Ethan cellar. methodically without any display of Wells of San Francisco, who was drivhas also been lively gunfire from the enemy lines on the Flanders front between Festubert and the Clarence rively southeast to Grand Rozoy. Then on ing the first ambulance, said:

"Our three ambulances were hurrying to hospitals with patients when a bomb wrecked a building directly in In commenting on the entrance of front of us, in a narrow street. It is resistance of the two wings of the fresh forces L'Homme Libre says ambulance was perforated by flying

AMSTERDAM. May 31.—Emperor Brecy, Courpoil and Le Charmel, the allied force which inspires the conit does not appear doubtful that the missiles.

William has conferred upon Crown which marks its extreme southern fidence of all the military critics. To enemy has reached the extreme point "We wanted to be a superior of the control of "We were all hurled out, but Private Robert A. Bowman of Gal-

caped with a few scratches.

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Airmen Raid American Hospitals, Kill Civilians and Infants.

KILL FRENCH NURSE

Wounded Soldiers Carried to Cellars and Caves.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday, May 30.—(By the Associated Press.)-German made a pretentious raid on the area brought down one machine but res behind the American lines in Picardy cued Lieutenant James A. Meishner last night. Bombs were dropped on all of Brooklyn, after his machine had sides of one of the largest hospitals in been damaged. Single handed Ricken- a town many miles to the rear of the bacher attacked two Albatross bi- front. American and French wounded planes and three monoplanes. After soldiers were carried to cellars and

Only a few persons were injured by German machines had descended too bombs dropped the previous night Several private houses were wrecked and a number of civilians, including American lines Lieutenant Ricken- several babies, were killed and injured. Large Number of Raiders.

That the raid was planned on a much larger scale than recent ones flying high, attack one enemy machine over this territory is evidenced from just as a second hostile airplane at reports from the area over which the tacked Meishner. Meishner's machine raiders passed. The Germans came in collided with one of the enemy and a wave formation and then scattered wing of the American's airplane was widely. One squadron dropped bombs Mishner immediately turned to- a few hundred feet from the American chine, seeing that he was crippled, the long range guns shelled a village a few hundred yards away.

The raiders appeared about 11 o'clock. The dropping of bombs and the firing of many anti-aircraft guns began almost immediately. Later there was a brief pause, after which the raiders returned to remain almost until dawn.

A new American evacuation hospital had been opened only yesterday in a certain village. A bomb fell in front of last night and shattered windows but none of the patients was injured. French Family Killed.

In some instances the bombs fell within thirty and forty feet of a hospital building but fortunately there were no casualties. A French nurse, her mother and two little sisters were killed in a house a short distance from a hospital. Another nurse was standing on the upper floor of the hospital administering to patients when a piece of bomb struck her, piercing her lung. Five American Nurses.

Five American nurses were in the everal other combats have not been same hospital. They were Miss Natalie Scott of New Orleans; Miss Heien Spalding of Brooklyn; Miss Mary Mc-Candles of Atlanta; Miss Blanche Gilbert of Cleveland and Miss Constance

Cook of San Francosco. While the raid was in progress they went about cheering the wounded. Although many cases of sick and wounded were aggravated because they had to be moved, the nurses had to carry were them to the lower floors and to the

"It was an exciting time," said Miss Scott, but there was no panic. Some of our boys actually slept through it although their beds were showered with broken glass."

AGED EDITOR DIES.

TORONTO, Ont., May 31,-John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the Toronto Evening Telegram, died at his home here today after an illness of six weeks from pneumonia. He was in his 77th year.